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1. LATE MORNING AUG 31, BRITISH AMBASSADOR WARBURTON AND I MADE REQUESTED JOINT DEMARCHE TO DANISH FONMIN K. B. ANDERSEN. MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE MADE THE PRESENTATION VERY EFFECTIVELY AND HANDED THE FONMINISTER THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR ENDED THE PRESENTATION BY ASKING DANISH GOVT FOR ITS SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS IN RHODESIA AND SOLICITED DANISH PARTICIPATION AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ZDF FUND. IN ADDITION, MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE

EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DANISH FONMINISTER WOULD SEE WAY FREE TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE AT THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE, WHEN RHODESIA PROBLEM IS DISCUSSED.

2. FONMINISTER ANDERSEN REPLIED THAT DANES WOULD HAVE TO STUDY THE PAPERS AND DANISH GOVT WOULD ALSO WISH TO READ CAREFULLY BRITISH WHITE PAPER AFTER IT IS RELEASED TOMORROW, SEPT 1, BEFORE GIVING OFFICIAL DANISH RESPONSE. IN THE MEANTIME, ANDERSEN SAID THAT HE EXPECTS NORDIC FONMINISTERS TO DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND NIMIBIA, AND HE THEREFORE WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR JOINT DEMARCHE PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE HELSINKI MEETING. HE ALSO PROMISED THAT MFA WOULD KEEP US INFORMED ON NORDIC FONMINISTERS' DELIBERATIONS AFTER DANISH DELEGATION RETURNS TO COPENHAGEN.

3. FONMINISTER'S QUESTIONS CENTERED ON THE ROLE OF THE FUTURE ZIMBABWEAN ARMY. SPECIFICALLY, HE WANTED TO KNOW (A) WHETHER REPORT THAT NORWEGIANS WOULD SUPPLY TROOPS FOR A UN FORCE WAS CORRECT AND (B) WHETHER THE RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES AND THE LIBERATION ARMIES WOULD HAVE TO BE DISBANDED IN THE TRANSITION PERIOD BEFORE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY. AMBASSADOR WARBURTON EXPLAINED THAT OBVIOUSLY NOT ALL DETAILS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT ON THE POLICE FORCE WHICH WOULD MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD BUT IT WAS HER IMPRESSION THAT SOME OF THE EXISTING ARMED FORCES IN RHODESIA AS WELL AS SOME OF THE FORCES OF THE LIBERATION ARMIES WOULD BE MAINTAINED. THE POLICE FORCES IN THE TRANSITION PERIOD WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE RESIDENT COM-  
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MISSIONER. AS FOR NORWAY SUPPLYING A CONTINGENT TO A UN FORCE, AMBASSADOR WARBURTON HAD NO INFORMATION TO COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. THE DANISH FONMINISTER THEN REFERRED TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ABOUT NEGATIVE REACTIONS BY FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS TO THE US-UK PROPOSAL. MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE AFRICANS HAD BEEN MUCH MORE FORTHCOMING IN PRIVATE THAN THEY HAD BEEN IN PUBLIC AND DOCUMENTED THIS WITH EXAMPLES.

5. RE ZDF FUND, FONMINISTER ANDERSEN EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT AFTER TRANSFER OF POWER BLACKS IN RHODESIA MIGHT INTERPRET FUND AS "UNFAIR PRESSURE" BY THE RICH STATES ON POOR BLACK ZAMBABIANS. TO COMPLY WITH AGREEMENT. AMBASSADOR WARBURTON REPLIED THAT TO BEST HER KNOWLEDGE NATIONALISTS APPROVE IDEA OF ZDF AND HAVE NOT INTERPRETED ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND IN THAT ADVERSE MANNER.

6. COMMENT: EITHER SATURDAY OR MONDAY I EXPECT DANISH MFA TO BRIEF US ON NORDIC FONMINISTERS' DISCUSSION OF US-UK PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, I THINK DANES WILL TAKE THEIR TIME BEFORE GIVING US FORMAL REPLY TO TODAY'S DEMARCHE. DANES WILL ALSO WISH TO CHECK WITH THEIR EC

PARTNERS BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO THE PROPOSAL. FINALLY,

DANES ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO VIEWS OF AFRICAN FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS  
AND WILL PROBABLY WISH TO TAKE THEIR OWN SOUNDINGS BEFORE MAK-  
ING UP THEIR MIND.  
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